Get Involved

Fighting Deadline
Send all submissions to the Student Services Office, 100 Grayson Hall, or email them to gsgarcia@grayson.edu. Remember, anyone can get involved! 

Student Leadership Series
Student and Employee Spirit Day
Every Friday
Wear your GC attire with blue jeans and celebrate the Viking spirit.

Clubs & Orgs
Rapist Student Ministries
Mondays, 11:30-12:30
BSS building
Chic Club
Every Tuesday
5:00 - 5:30 pm
Ceramic Room, Arts & Communications Building
Cosmetology Club
Mondays beginning next semester
10:00 - 2:00 pm
CTC Room 117
Cultural Diversity Club
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 1 - 2 pm
Let’s Student Office
DAAAG
Every Tuesday
12:45 - 1:45 pm
HS 202
Delta Phi Delta (Art)
First Tuesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Arts & Communications Building
Dental Assisting Club
Tuesday, 12 - 12:30 pm
HS 203
Electrical Engineering Club
Tuesday, 12 - 12:30 pm
Halpin Library
Electronic Technology Club
TBA
Contact Annette Lynn
Student Services Office
Elta Sigma Delta
First Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:00 am
Culinary Arts Building
FEA
Future Educators
Every other Tuesday
11:30 - 1:30 pm
CS 206
Gamers Guild
First Thursday, 4:00 pm
Design Room
Arts & Communications Building

Grayson Student Volunteer Association
Volunteer Opportunities
Every Wednesday
11:30 - 1:00 pm
Viking Room, Life Center

HALO (Hispanic-American Leadership Organization)
Second and Fourth Thursdays
12:20 - 12:45 pm
LG 108

Honors College Club
First Thursdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm
Campaign Room 2

HIV/ACF Club
First Thursday, 5:30 pm
Gloria Pena, 117

LFA
(Criminal Justice)
Tuesday, 11:30 - 1:30 pm
Location TBA

Men of Distinction
CWL Seminar Room 4

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The Relevance of Print in the Digital Age: Print Is Mightier Than the Kindle

By Caitlyn McGee, Student

Nearly every reader has faced the question, “Should I buy the hardback or the e-book?” They ask themselves which format is better and which is a better price. This has been a relevant issue since the early 2000s, when e-readers first sprang into popularity. Many thought e-books would first take over the book industry, eradicating print. However, in the years since e-books were introduced, the market has remained fairly even for both formats of media, with print even taking the lead by the last few years (“Read”). But, as technology continues to advance e-books are made more affordable and many readers are shifting their preferences to choosing to read in both formats (“Why”).

Through both methods of reading have pros and cons, print has and will continue to stand the test of time. Print books should remain the prominent source of educational and pleasure reading because print cannot experience technology issues or cause health problems, because print can save readers money, because print engages readers more effectively and sentimentally, and because studies have shown print promotes better information retention.

The problem of the decline in print is caused by consumers being led by the media to think that e-books are a better, cheaper alternative to printed books. This problem has heavily impacted readers, causing them to possibly waste money, negatively impact readers’ health, and cause them to not remember what they read as well. Not only does the decline of print affect readers, but also bookstores and libraries which have either closed or been forced to adapt to modern reading styles. Many libraries have turned to partnering with apps to create online e-book libraries. However, there are drawbacks on the research and know the downsides of digital books, others are stuck in the trap of reading on Kindles, Nooks, iPads, or just computers.

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Scrappy is a web page with a “scrappy” style.

My name is Pam Davis. I am a graduate of Grayson College with an Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Technology. I returned to Grayson College to get my Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Technology. I resided in Nevada, Missouri, prior to returning to the home campus, on an employee in the Financial Aid Office as an Advisor III. I enjoy working with students to assist them with all aspects of what Grayson College can offer them, as well as helping them find ways to finance their college education.

Q: Do you collect anything?
A: I collect M&M’s and anything with dogs on it.

Q: List two pet peeves.
A: Someone clicking their pen constantly or tapping on a surface, along with people being late.

Cynthia Perez’s spider web quilt is a “scrappy” example.

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Coming from a long career in quality control at Texas Instruments, Grayson Welding’s Chance Backest learned welding at 10 years old from his grandfather. Throughout his high school years, he spent every opportunity after school and on weekends helping his father, Joe, Moonop, his shop teacher at Bells High School, said Backest was “too good to leave the shop.” Teaching part time at Grayson enabled Backest to learn Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW) and Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) welding.

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Grayson College’s Welding Program is growing since 350,000 welders will be needed within the next 8 years. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, welders can earn $14-15 an hour. In this area, many online welding sites and welding booths, Doyle Roy and his colleagues run the 17-booth South Campus facility in Van Alstyne. Students from southern Grayson County, including Howe, Van Alstyne, and Whitewright, often enroll in the South Campus for welding classes although many students take classes at both campuses.

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It drives them. It even defines them in their work and beyond. Such is the case of several local women veterans that have continued to be guided by that sense of duty, but serving now as civilians for the betterment of Grayson County and the state of Texas, let’s “Salute” the memory and one close to her heart. Also, while working with the Special Olympics in Okinawa, Japan, Katie learned that the language barrier between Japanese polietics and American soldiers was unimportant as everyone was just trying to help children be their best. As a civilian, Ms. Baillio continues to serve her community by being an active member of the Grayson College’s Veterans Advisory Council (VAC). Sitting on this advisory board provides Katie an opportunity to improve and streamline the services available to all GC student veterans. It also provides her with a forum with other veteran services personnel that promotes the free-flow of ideas and initiatives.

Women Veterans Continuing Their Service at Grayson College

By Tommy Ellis, Project Coordinator, Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success

Traditionally, men and women entered the military due to a sense of duty. When their tours were up, they walked away and felt that part of their life belonged to the military. As a result, the women who served with the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, as a Military Police officer in the Army, and as a Public Information Officer when she was given the opportunity to interview iconic rocker Alice Cooper, for the Stars and Stripes newspaper, whom she remembers as “very kind and considerate,” in her words, “served her time, and it was over.”

Additionally, she is serving on the Oversight Committee of the 2018 Texo-" class="" data-page-id="4" data-image-id="139" data-image-url="https://example.com/image139.jpg"

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Editor's Letter
By Morgan Bryant, Viking Editor (outgoing)

A common opinion of a community college is that it is “take” college and unequal to the experience of a “real” university. I do agree that the two are very different experiences, but I do not agree that one is inherently more strenuous than the other. It, too, was depicted of a “fake” community college, but the logistics of my situation did not permit me to go to university. And now, after three semesters at Grayson, I am glad I attended both.

There are two differences I’ve noticed between a university and a community college. The first is that at a community college, you have the option to take your time, take less-involved classes, and you can choose to not be involved outside of class. Essentially you have the choice to make your academic career stress-free; at university, you do not have this choice.

The second is the community aspect. If you choose to go the extra mile, the activities you participate in revolve around a single community, and you will find yourself affecting the lives of those around you. Your professors, your friends, and your classmates are all part of the community you have the choice to interact with. At a university, you are encouraged to interact with the community, but the difference is that you do not always have the opportunity.

Tommy Cox and Steve Gentry explain the purpose of the brick to their Sigma brick, which weighed about 20 pounds. Steve explained to Dr. Kathy Lowe, one of the six cheerleaders for the event. Tommy Cox and Steve Gentry were members of Grayson County College in 1967. Kathy Lowe, one of the six cheerleaders, has been committed to service above self, and the club found that in future Phi Theta Kappa officer Abigail Reasnor. Abigail has been committed to service since her very beginnings of high school and has done everything from feed the homeless directly in the streets to becoming a founding member of Surviving Sisters and Brothers. At the meeting she was provided and explained her work to the attendees.

Special thanks goes to Blake Uetter Ford. Other sponsors included Apex Sports Medicine, Cable One, Virginia Cook Reuzlin, Fast Signs, First Texoma Bank, Guardian Hospice, Scarborough, Medlin & Associates Insurance, SEAT, LLC, Tyson Foods, and the Sherman and Denham Chambers of Commerce.

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Not only is Gary Paikowski a U.S. Army veteran, but after nearly forty (40) years at Grayson College, he is, in the truest sense, a GC veteran. "I joined the Army at the age of 18," he says, "and time has taken its toll on my body, but it has made me a stronger person, with a different perspective of life."

Since arriving on campus in August of 1978 as the Director of the Library, Gary has dedicated almost his entire professional life to helping students and faculty make the most of the library as a vital learning resource. "The library is the heart of the college," he says. "It is where students go to find information, and it is where they learn to find information."

But what about the future? Gary believes that print will continue to be relevant in the Digital Age. "Print is not going away," he says. "It is here to stay, and it will continue to be important for years to come."

When asked what he thinks about the future of print, Gary says, "I think that print will continue to be important, and it will continue to be a valuable resource for students and faculty. I think that print will continue to be a relevant part of the educational experience."
Financial Tips for New College Students: Part 2
By Pamela Davis, Financial Aid Advisor III

As a new college student, tracking your finances can be put on the back burner for homework, studying or hanging out with friends. However, there are some financial tips that could help you during your college years.

Stay away from unnecessary debt
If you’re a college student, it’s important to focus on your studies and earning that degree. However, a lot of younger adults get involved with unnecessary consumer debt. Taking out this type of debt at an earlier age while your funds are limited is a quick way to get into severe debt that will affect your overall credit. This kind of debt includes furniture loans, car loans and in-store credit cards. When you take out these loans and cards, you need to pay the bills on time and regularly, which might not be achievable in your current financial state. It’s always better to make sacrifices when you’re younger than paying for debt consequences when you’re older.

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Leonard High School Golf Team Plays Well After a Rocky Start

By Austin Lewis, Student

Over the past couple of months the Leonard High School golf team has been practicing hard for the state tournament north Texas. The season felt unbelievably short this year because several of the first tournaments, like the one at En- ory, were canceled due to inclement weather. But, nonetheless, we were able to begin the season on the third sched- uled tournament at Webb Hill Country Club in Wolfe City. The first tournament was a rough one with everyone shoot- ing way above what they are capable of. The boy’s best player, Blake Morgan, said, “Wow glad that one’s over” at the tournament’s close. All of the players were excited to have the first tournament out of the way. Coach Greg Con- nelly explained to the players that we all needed some im- provement. He said the boys should have an opportunity to compete well at district. The next three tournaments were at Stone Creek in Sher- man, which was to be our district course as well. The tour- nament-preceding district went well, and all of the players were able to knock several shots off their scores, prompt- ing Christian McCartney to exclaim, “Wow I wish I could play like that every time!” At the district tournament, it was a cold morning, and everyone was nervous. Coach told us to just play Leonard Golf and have fun. So, with that being said, we took the course and played our game. As some of the first players began to finish who had waited for what seemed like days to see the results, it was said that we would be sending one boy and two girls to the next round. But, there was a catch: in order to send our number one boy player, he had to play in a playoff round of golf (which is played on one hole and the best score wins). Morgan said, “I’ve never been so nervous in my life and I hope I don’t mess up!” With not much time to think, they called him to the tee box, and he hit a monster drive. He proceeded to beat his other two competitors earning a spot for a playoff spot. He was absolu- tely elated to have finally made it to regionals. Speaking to Coach Connelly afterwards was quite the treat. He was so happy because the previous two years he had only had one player make regionals, and now he had three. Sadly, the three that made regionals did not advance to state, but for two of the regional qualifiers they will have a shot again next year. So, needless to say Leonard golf is poised to have a great team next year too. The Leonard golf team is set to have a great year next year too. Connelly said he is ready to finally get the whole team out of distress and play and move on to regionals. One of his big goals is to win a state championship with his whole team and not just an individual. Connelly also stated that he believes that his team is one of the greatest golf talent coming up from the 8th grade class that might be able to bring Leonard golf to the next level.

Tips for Paying off Your Student Loans

By Pamela Davis, Financial Advisor III

Graduating from college can be a bittersweet moment for some adults as they get the sudden realization they’ll have to start making payments on their deferred student loans. With some individual PSL amounts reaching into the trillions of dollars, it is not surprising if the prospect of tackling such a large number seems daunting - especially if you haven’t secured a full-time job yet. Luckily, federal student loan and some private lenders offer a grace period following graduation to give you some time to get on your feet. This is a great time to employ some strategies for how you’re going to pay off your debt.

Here are seven tips to get you started:

1. Know your loan information. When you’re about to finish college, you’re required to partake in exit counseling for federal student loans. This train- ing session lets you know how much you’ll owe and some options for repayment. It also includes a calculator for determining your monthly payments under different plans. Make sure you know how much you owe and what your bills will look like once it’s time to start repaying.

2. Create a budget. With your loan details handy, get to work on a budget for life after college. If you don’t have a full-time job already, you can check your income information online to determine the average starting rate for your field. Determine how much of your income will go to your loan payments each month and see where you’ll have to make sacrifices.

3. Set up bi-weekly-based payments. This is one type of repayment plan that is field to how much you earn. It keeps your payments within a reasonable figure so you’re not straining each month.

4. Start paying early. Although deferment and grace periods are a relief, consider making your first payments before these periods are over. This is a great time to employ some strategies for how you’re going to pay off your debt.

5. Set up automatic payments. This step can not only help you make sure you’re current on your payments, but it may also earn you a discount. Some lenders may be willing to lower your interest rate if you have automatic payments.

6. Make bi-monthly payments. If possible, cut your lender a check twice a month to pay off your debt faster.

7. Save money. Practice smart spending habits to keep more money in your checking account at the end of the month after paying your bills. This will leave more breathing room in your budget.

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Savory Southwestern Menu Polishes Off 691 Restaurant

By Marlea Trevino, English Professor

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